COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF SOUTH CENTRAL TELECOM LLC)	
FOR ARBITRATION OF CERTAIN TERMS AND)	
CONDITIONS OF PROPOSED AGREEMENTS WITH)	CASE NO.
VERIZON SOUTH INC. PURSUANT TO THE)	2001-00261
COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED BY)	
THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)	

<u>ORDER</u>

On February 14, 2002, Verizon South, Inc. (Verizon) and South Central Telcom, LLC ("South Central") submitted to the Commission their negotiated agreement for interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements, and the resale of Verizon's services. The agreement constitutes a settlement of issues submitted by the parties in this case.

The Commission has reviewed the agreement and finds that no portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of this agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the agreement between Verizon and South Central is approved, effective the date of this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of March, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director